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Eureka County School District Mitigation Plan

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#### **TESTING**

Eureka County School District (ECSD) will initiate a voluntary testing protocol. This will involve inviting all staff and adult volunteers in the District to test every Monday morning (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) by utilizing a District Health Nurse, Eureka County staff, and/or Churchill County staff. In addition, parents/guardians may opt to have any student within the District (including those being home schooled) to be tested on the same days. This testing will be in addition to the daily testing being offered in the communities by Eureka County. Rapid testing is available to District staff and students. In the event that a student or staff member is ill and chooses not to attend school but would like to be tested, please contact the school to see if any curb-side testing is available. If not, you can always seek out your primary health care provider or use Eureka County Testing options.

### DAILY MONITORING

Eureka County Schools will continue to ask all families to do self-screening to ensure that students are not coming to school symptomatic, as we know this is an effective strategy to avoid the spread of any virus that is highly transmissible. We will continue our daily temperature checks before school at all sites. If students or staff arrive-at school and are determined to be symptomatic, the individual will be isolated and given the opportunity to have COVID testing (rapid test) completed at the school upon availability. Completing this testing at school may reduce the number of exposed individuals and can reduce the number of days of exclusion for the student.

#### **OUTREACH**

Social media and email outreach will continue through the official ECSD Facebook page and the use of Infinite Campus. The District will also post testing information and the vaccination schedule of Eureka County on the District website.

## SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND VENTILATION

School sites will be open to students, staff members, and all other individuals, including family members, volunteers, recruiters, contractors, etc. All non-school individuals are held to the same guidelines and should only plan to be present if in good health.

The district will institute increased and systematic cleaning protocols to be used by school staff throughout the campuses (including restrooms) as well as classrooms. These protocols will include:

- Regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces including desks, chairs, doorknobs, restroom facilities, and other surfaces
- Classroom sanitization with appropriate and approved solutions will be used in classrooms. Alcohol wipes will be used to wipe down all electronics after use.
- Air exchange in buildings will meet industry expectations.

Ventilation as a method to reduce the number of virus particles in the air is a priority, and the district has conducted and will continue to conduct ventilation evaluations and air quality monitoring moving forward. Bringing in additional outside air through various methods can ensure better air quality, buildings and district transportation.

More information can be found here: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/ventilation.htm">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/ventilation.htm</a>

# TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Drivers and Transportation staff will sanitize their buses according to CDC and other guidelines.

# LEARNING MODEL

Students will attend school every day with all co-curricular opportunities in place.

Students who are excluded from school due to exposure or isolation related to COVID-19 will be given temporary distance learning opportunities through their classroom teacher. These temporary distanced learning opportunities will be done via CANVAS and/or home curriculum packets. In addition, daily contact with instructors will occur virtually at least once a day.

## **FACE COVERINGS**

Face covering are not required in any school within the District at this time. Face covering will be required when ordered by the County Health Officer or under a Statewide Directive.

### **DISEASE OUTBREAK**

The District will continue to work closely with the Eureka County Health Officer. The Health Officer will continue to conduct epidemiologic studies on positive cases occurring within the District and the community as a whole. When it is determined that community spread is occurring within a school, the Health Officer will work with District staff to determine if face covering will be required by staff and/or students if transmission rate is determined to not be declining week over week within the District.

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